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No. 105/4/60-SPA.—The Government of India deeply regret to record the premature death, by heart failure, of Shri S. P. Patel, Postmaster-General, Bombay Circle, at Bombay on Friday, the 12th February 1960 at 11 P.M. He was due to retire on the 9th October 1960.

2. Shri Patel joined the Government of India service as an Assistant Divisional Engineer, Telegraphs, on training, in the year 1930. After filling various technical and administrative posts under the Government of India, he was promoted to the grade of Postmasters-General in the year 1948 in which capacity he served in Bombay, Bihar and Punjab Circles. He also held the post of Deputy Director-General (Telegraph) in the P. & T. Directorate in 1950-51 and again in 1952-53. Shri Patel also served in London as India's representative on the Commonwealth Telecommunications Board and Communications Adviser to the High Commissioner for India in the U.K. for about four years.

3. Shri Patel was an able, keen and conscientious officer. He was popular with all with whom he had occasion to work. The Government of India has sustained a great loss by his premature and sudden death.

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